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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

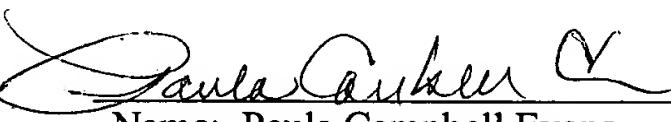
Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of 2 months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to Office Communication mailed November 14, 2003 from December 14, 2003, up to and including February 14, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, an extension fee of \$210.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 5568/1020. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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